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Listing of Claims:

1. A method of joining a magnetic inner member and a magnetic outer member via a nonmagnetic materials ~~together in a process wherein material, said method comprising:~~

inserting a ring of the nonmagnetic material into an annular  
5 space formed between an the inner member and an the outer member  
so as to be tightly fitted therein; each made of magnetic  
material is fitted with a ring of nonmagnetic material,  
~~characterized in that the method comprises the steps of:~~

bringing each of an inner and an outer peripheral surface of  
10 the ring of nonmagnetic material ~~each~~ into a semi-molten state;  
and

bringing the inner and outer peripheral surfaces of said  
ring of nonmagnetic material into pressure contact with said  
inner and outer members, respectively, to join said inner and  
15 outer peripheral surfaces to said respective inner and outer  
members ~~, respectively,~~ by interfacial fusion.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of joining a magnetic inner member and a magnetic outer member via a nonmagnetic materials  
~~together as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that material~~  
by fitting a ring of the nonmagnetic material in an annular space

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5 formed between the inner member and the outer member, said method comprising:

bringing each of an inner and an outer peripheral surface of the ring of nonmagnetic material into a semi-molten state; and

10 bringing the inner and outer peripheral surfaces of said ring of nonmagnetic material into pressure contact with said inner and outer members, respectively, to join said inner and outer peripheral surfaces to said respective inner and outer members by interfacial fusion;

15 wherein the ring of nonmagnetic material is heated to a temperature sufficient to make it semi-molten, and the semi-moltened ring of nonmagnetic material is then fitted into said annular space under pressure.

3. (Currently Amended) A method of joining a magnetic inner member and a magnetic outer member via a nonmagnetic materials  
~~together as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that material~~  
~~by fitting a ring of the nonmagnetic material in an annular space~~

5 formed between the inner member and the outer member, said method comprising:

bringing each of an inner and an outer peripheral surface of the ring of nonmagnetic material into a semi-molten state; and

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bringing the inner and outer peripheral surfaces of said  
ring of nonmagnetic material into pressure contact with said  
inner and outer members, respectively, to join said inner and  
outer peripheral surfaces to said respective inner and outer  
5 members by interfacial fusion;

wherein the ring of nonmagnetic material is fitted under  
pressure into said annular space, and thereafter is heated by  
high-frequency induction heating to a temperature sufficient to  
make it semi-molten and is then compressed under pressure.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of joining a magnetic inner  
member and a magnetic outer member via a nonmagnetic materials  
~~together as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that material~~  
by fitting a ring of the nonmagnetic material in an annular space  
5 formed between the inner member and the outer member, said method  
comprising:

bringing each of an inner and an outer peripheral surface of  
the ring of nonmagnetic material into a semi-molten state; and

bringing the inner and outer peripheral surfaces of said  
10 ring of nonmagnetic material into pressure contact with said  
inner and outer members, respectively, to join said inner and  
outer peripheral surfaces to said respective inner and outer  
members by interfacial fusion;

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15      wherein the ring of nonmagnetic material is fitted under  
pressure into said annular space, and thereafter a rotating body  
is pressed against an end face of said ring of nonmagnetic  
material whereby to generate a frictional heat ~~then generated~~  
~~heats to heat~~ said ring of nonmagnetic material to a temperature  
sufficient to make it semi-molten.